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FOR: CODING AND DECODING OF IMAGE DATA WITH ADDITIONAL
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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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SIR:

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the indication of Allowability of the claimed invention. In response to the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance in the Notice of Allowance of May 28, 2009, Applicants respectfully submit the following comments.

In the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance on page 2 of the Notice of Allowance mailed May 28, 2009, paragraph 5 states in part:

In view of the Applicant's [*sic*] amendment and arguments filed on 3/2/2009, claim [*sic*] 1, 18, and 35-44 are allowed. Specifically, the cited prior art does not teach or suggest (i) a decoding unit. . . ; (ii) an additional information extracting unit. . . ; (iii) a display unit. . . ; (iv) a storage unit. . . ; (v) a coding unit. . . ; and (vi) a selection unit. . . as recited in claim 1 for example.

Likewise, claims 18 and 35 are also allowed for the same reasons as above.

Although the above comment seems to be directed to independent Claims 1 and 18, it is respectfully submitted that independent Claim 35 does not include all of the elements recited above. For example, Claim 35 recites "means for decoding," "means for extracting,"

“means for displaying,” “means for storing,” “means for encoding,” and “means for selecting” and not “a decoding unit,” “an additional information extraction unit,” “a display unit,” “a storage unit,” “a decoding unit” and “a selection unit,” respectively. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the above quoted statement applies only to independent Claims 1 and 18 (and claims dependent therefrom), and not to independent Claim 35 (and claims dependent therefrom), to the extent the language used in the statement differs from the language of the claims.

Respectfully Submitted,

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